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1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM GOP AT APPROPRIATE POLITICAL LEVEL THAT THE ROC SUBMITTED ITS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM INTELSAT TO USG AS DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 10. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTELSAT AGREEMENT, WITHDRAWAL WILL TAKE EFFECT THREE MONTHS FROM THAT DAY. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT IN LIGHT OF ROC WITH-DRAWAL, AND THE FACT THAT WAY IS NOW OPEN FOR PRC, AS MEMBER OF ITU, FOR ACCESSION TO MEMBERSHIP, THERE NO LONGER APPEARS TO BE ANY NEED FOR DISCUSSION OF CHINESE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. YOU MAY ALSO
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ADD THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS AN INDICATION FROM THE

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REPRESENTATIVE FROM ONE COUNTRY WHICH INTENDED TO SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE ON CHINA AT NAIROBI THAT IT CONSIDERS SUCH AN INITIATIVE UNNECESSARY IN LIGHT OF ROC WITHDRAWAL; THIS MAY ALSO BE THE POSITION OF MOST OTHER COUNTRIES THAT RECENTLY WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT RAISING THE CHINESE QUESTION AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES.

2. YOU SHOULD ADDITIONALLY INFORM GOP THAT WHILE US

WOULD WELCOME PRC ACCESSION TO INTELSAT MEMBERSHIP, IT ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTS TAIWAN'S CONTINUED COMMERCIAL ACCESS TO SYSTEM. US THEREFORE WELCOMES GOP'S VIEW REPORTED REF B THAT ACCESS IS A TECHNICAL QUESTION WHICH NEED NOT BE MIXED WITH MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION. USG HOPES THAT THIS VIEW IS REFLECTED IN ABSENCE OF ANY DISCUSSION OF ACCESS ISSUE AS WELL AS MEMBERSHIP AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. ROBINSON

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